

## Sample Donor Letters

### *Sample Letter One*

Dear Family and Friends,

We want to share our exciting news with you! We are adopting a little girl from China! She will be between two and four years old and should be living with us by next summer.

You might wonder what made us decide to do this and all we can say is that it was God who put this desire into our hearts. We are excited about the opportunity to offer at least one child-in-need a family to love and the opportunity to learn about Jesus. We know God has a special child chosen just for us and we are eager to be completely faithful to what He is calling us to do. It will be exciting to see how He works out the whole adoption process.

Adoption is a wonderful way to build or add to a family but it is not an inexpensive venture. Our adoption expenses including document preparation and translation, hiring of attorneys and other professionals in the U.S. and China, travel, hotels, passports and more will cost in excess of \$20,000.

Recently we learned of LSF Adoption Ministries, an organization within our church that helps families raise funds for adoptions. A person can make a tax-deductible donation through LSF Adoption Ministries on our behalf. This money will be used toward adoption expenses. All contributors receive a tax receipt for their donation. Should you choose to donate, we will keep you updated on our progress and send you specific information about our new daughter as it comes to us from China.

Please call or email us with any questions you may have regarding our situation. We are happy to talk about this wonderful adventure.

We are excited about what God is going to do in our lives through this child. The process is long and not without obstacles but we are ready for the challenge. When our child arrives home to us, we will contact you through the mail with our happy news. Thank you for prayerfully considering our situation in your giving this year.

Sincerely,

John and Susan Story  
(919) 555-1234

P.S. If you decide to assist us in our fundraising and wish to do so by check please **DO NOT include our names anywhere on the check.** Send your check to L.S.F.; c/o Apex Baptist Church; 110 S. Salem Street, Apex NC 27502. Internal Revenue Service regulations do not allow for a tax-deductible donation to have any name other than the tax-exempt organization written on it. Please enclose a note with your check to indicate that you wish your donation to go toward our grant. Thank you so much.

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## Sample Letter Two

Dear Family and Friends,

Something wonderful is about to happen in our home! We have nearly completed an adoption of a little boy from Romania. Our new son's name is Valentin and he is three years old. We've enclosed a picture of this little cutie. Valentin is a special child - he has cerebral palsy which affects his ability to walk. He's a fighter, though, and is making excellent progress!

We have wanted to adopt for some time and truly believe the Lord has led us to Valentin. We are using a wonderful agency in Denver, Colorado called "Children are Forever." Adoption is never easy and the hardest part of all seems to be the financing. Our adoption will cost about \$12,000 when it is completed. This cost includes document preparation and translation, hiring of attorneys and other professionals in the U.S. and Romania, travel, hotels, passports and more. We have paid \$7,000 of this amount and are excited to see how God will provide the remainder.

Recently we learned of LSF Adoption Ministries, an organization within our church that helps families raise funds for adoptions. Through this organization people can make tax-deductible donations toward adoption expenses! We have enclosed additional information about this fundraising plan. Please prayerfully consider our situation in your giving. Valentin could be home by Christmas and we believe we shouldn't go into debt for this adoption.

Please call or email us with any questions you may have regarding our situation. We are happy to talk about this wonderful adventure.

When Valentin arrives home we will send a photo of all of us to contributors. Thank you for considering our situation. May the Lord bless you.

All our love,

Paul and Janet Brown  
(919) 555-1234

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### *Sample Letter Three*

Dear Family and Friends,

We have great news! Our dreams are coming true as we have the opportunity to adopt an infant. We should hear specific information soon.

As most of you know we have been married for ten years and haven't been able to have a baby. This has been a source of discouragement and sadness for us. We truly believe the Lord has led us to adopt. He wants to build a family for us, but not the way we were thinking!

Our agency, Babies for Everyone!, is located in Pennsylvania. They have been working in the field of adoption for twenty-two years and have successfully placed over 1200 babies in loving families. Adoption is an exciting venture. We will be able to meet with the birthmother and be at the baby's birth. Our baby will be released to us from the hospital.

The one part of adopting that is difficult for us, other than the waiting, is the expense of it all. Our adoption will cost approximately \$8,500 when completed. We have saved \$4,000 but are still in need of \$4,500.

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When our adoption is complete we will send all contributors a photo of our family. If you are interested in helping us out and have any questions please call us at home or email us.

Thank you for being in prayer with us. We are excited to see what God will do to bring a child into our family!

With full hearts,

Michael and Marta Miller  
(919) 555-1234

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